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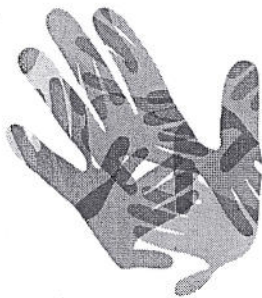
CENSUS BUREAU SEEKING APPLICANTS TO FILL THOUSANDS OF GOOD-PAYING JOBS IN AREA

The U.S Census Bureau is looking for qualified applicants to fill more than 15,000 jobs in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia to help prepare for the 2010 Census. The Charlotte Regional Census Center has opened 15 local census offices in the five-state region to carry out a pre-census operation called Address List Development. Positions include address listers, office clerks, recruiting assistants, crew leaders and field operations supervisors.

"The census is a constitutional mandate that's too big for the federal government to carry out alone," said William W. Hatcher, regional director for the Charlotte Regional Census Center, which supports 2010 Census operations in the five-state region. "That's why we must build an army of local people to help prepare for and carry out the census in 2010."

Those interested in applying for these jobs can go to www.2010censusjobs.gov for job descriptions, qualifications and applications. Potential applicants also can call toll free 1-866-861-2010. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, age 18 and older, have a valid Social Security number, and pass a basic aptitude test. Most jobs require a driver's license and use of a car.

In spring 2009, the census employees will help develop a confidential address list that will be used to deliver census questionnaires in 2010. The jobs are temporary; both full-time and part-time jobs are available. Census jobs offer flexible schedules and allow close-to-home employment. Competitive pay begins at \$8.75 an hour and varies depending on job and location.



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"It's important that we have qualified people who know their communities to help develop our address list," Hatcher said. "These important jobs offer attractive pay, allow flexibility, offer on-the-job training, and permit people to work in their communities, for their communities. Census jobs count in many ways."

Census results are used to determine the number of congressional seats for each state, the shape of legislative districts and local government districts, and how \$300 billion in federal funds is distributed annually to communities across the country for important local programs.

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